

Transformation Work Group (TWG)
March 23, 2010
1:30-3:30
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center Room A

- Welcome and Introductions Denny Jones, IUPUI

- In Attendance were:

Tracy Brunner	DOE
Alma Burrus	DMHA
Andrew Chambers	IUPUI
Helene Cross	Fairbanks
Gina Eckart	DMHA
Denny Jones	IUPUI
Robert Levy	Verizon
Steve McCaffrey	MHA
John Nurnberger	IUPUI
Kathy O'Connell	IPFW – Fort Wayne
Dean Michael Patchner	IU
Gilberto Perez	NEC
Lynn Smith	DMHA
Rebecca Smith	ICJI
Peggy Stephens	DMHA
Rodney Stockment	Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority
Bruce VanDusen	DMHA
Kirk Wheeler	Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority
Diana Williams	DMHA

DMHA Update by Gina Eckart, Director:

- DMHA applied for and was awarded a Transformation Transfer Initiative Grant in December 2009 from SAMHSA through NASMHPD. This application was submitted in order to get funds to support town hall meetings and media campaign related to recovery and resiliency and to help educate the public regarding the transformation changes. We are also using this funding to help support trainings we will be conducting regarding the upcoming changes for the MRO program.
- SAMHSA announced another round of transformation grants for FY 2010. The purpose of this program is to foster adoption and implementation of permanent transformative changes in how public mental health services are organized, managed and delivered so that they are consumer-driven, recovery-oriented and supported through evidence-based and best practices. 22 awards will be announced with an award ceiling of \$750, 000. DMHA is partnering with Rodney Stockment and the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority in applying for this grant to help us fund our supportive housing initiative.

- DMHA sent notification regarding the suspension of the Consumer Service Reviews due to budget constraints. DMHA hopes that this suspension is not permanent.
- New Transformation activity: DMHA is partnering with family members, consumers, advocates, and our sister Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services on a dual diagnosis task force. John Dickerson and Steve McCaffrey are co-chairing this task force that is intended to take a look at the service delivery system we currently have for those who are dually diagnosed with mental illness, addiction and developmental disability. This task force will be developing recommendations of tangible actions and policy changes state participants can consider in maximizing the limited resources that we have.
- MRO changes are set to go live July 1, 2010.
- Bruce Vandusen has worked with our contractor ASPIN to begin trainings for recovery specialists. Bruce will submit additional information on this topic later on in this meeting.
- There were concerns expressed regarding ACT Teams going away due to the MRO program. However, the MRO Program still reimburses for certified Act Teams. To date, 16 out of 20 centers have confirmed that they are continuing at least one certified team.
- The healthcare reform bill has passed and DMHA will monitor this bill closely.

Workforce Development Task Force Final Report:

Dean Patchner discussed background information on the development of the Workforce Development Task Force. He also thanked Gina Eckart and Denny Jones for their superb support and leadership. On behalf of everyone who participated in the workforce development task force, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Alma Burrus who was there for everything we needed for this project.

Each Subcommittee Chair or designee presented their report:

- Helene Cross presented “Behavioral Health Workforce Undergraduate and Graduate Training in Core Disciplines”.
- Rebecca Smith presented “Licensure, Certification, and Clinical Supervision” in the absence of the subcommittee chair.
- Gilberto Perez presented “Culturally Competent and Culturally Diverse Workforce”.
- Andy Chambers presented “Recruitment and Retention”.

It was unanimously voted to accept this report as presented and to move forward with identifying and prioritizing short term and long term recommendations. This report will be posted on the DMHA website and emailed to the TWG and Workforce Development Task Force Members. Gina Eckart thanked Dean Patchner for his work on keeping the task force on track .

Permanent Supportive Housing Institute Update by Rodney Stockment:

It was announced that the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority was awarded the 2009 Combating Homelessness Award for their work on the permanent supportive housing initiative with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and the Transformation Work Group. See the entire Supportive Housing presentation on the attached link.

Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Update by Bruce VanDusen:

The CRS contract was finalized and accepted by ASPIN with the start date of September 1, 2009. A Training Manual was created by ASPIN and approved by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. It was noted that DMHA has the only program that includes smoking cessation. See the entire presentation on the attached link.

Next Steps / Wrap Up:

The next meeting will be held in late October or mid-November. Information will be emailed out to all members regarding an exact date and location.

The next meeting agenda items may include:

- DMHA Update
- MRO Rules Changes Update
- SAMHSA Grants
- Mental Health Commission Update

The meeting was adjourned by Denny Jones.